

# GERMANY MAY REFUSE TO ATTEND GENOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

## IS PIQUED AT TERMS OF ALLIES

Indemnity Conditions Considered Most Severe in Berlin. Rejection Is Favored.

By S. D. WEYER, International News Service.  
BERLIN, March 23.—Germany may refuse to attend the international economic conference at Genoa as a result of the severe indemnity conditions imposed upon the country by the interallied reparations commission, it was reported today from an authoritative source.

Decision Is Awaited.  
It is expected that the developments of the next week will show whether or not this country will participate at Genoa.

It is understood that the German government already has decided to reject the reparations commission's decisions, which impose a virtual financial guardianship upon this country. The people would be burdened with an additional 60,000,000 marks in taxes alone.

The only question is what form the rejection shall take. There are two alternatives Chancellor Wirth may take: Resignation or a sharp note telling the allies that Germany will not consider the demands.

Angry At Poincaré.  
Parliamentarians close to Chancellor Wirth are urging him to send a negative note, assuring him that it will mean consolidation of "the domestic political front" weakening of the parties of the right. On the other hand many of the chancellor's advisers are suggesting delay of three or four days in making a decision, holding that "something may happen in the meantime."

Indignation has centered against Premier Poincaré of France, who is characterized as "Germany's hangman."

"Premier Poincaré knows that he is confronting Germany with obligations that cannot be fulfilled," said the Lokai Anzeiger. "But he continues to play his wily game of fighting the war after the war is over. Poincaré may logically gloat for the indemnity note may be considered one of the milestones in the French ambition to make the Rhine their frontier."

Information has reached Berlin indicating that, behind the scenes at Moscow, a considerable movement is in progress against the Genoa conference and that some officials of the Soviet are attempting to persuade Lenin that it might be wise to refuse to participate, in view of the conditions that may be imposed upon Russia.

The German press takes the view that, in face of new indemnity demands engineered by France, the Genoa conference may become a farce.

"There is only one answer that can be made to the Allies' indemnity note," said Werner von Heimburg, writing in Der Tag. "Since we are physically unable to meet the demands, they must be rejected. We may refuse to consider as binding the decisions of the reparations commission."

It is generally believed that the public will receive without protest any decision that the cabinet may make. There is no lack of advice. Conservative and thrifty statesmen say that, in view of the new indemnity development, Germany may not get enough out of the Genoa conference to pay the expenses of the delegates.

Certain members of the relict-assert that Germany must make an audacious move in some direction to regain the prestige she has been losing constantly since the war.

### CHRISTOPHER MARLEY TO VISIT WOODROW WILSON

Christopher Marley, columnist, essayist, and novelist, will discuss books and bookmakers today with former President Wilson at the latter's residence. Mr. Wilson has an ardent admirer in Mr. Marley, whose essay on the "War President," included in the "Shandygaff" collection, has attracted widespread attention.

This afternoon at 4:45 o'clock Mr. Marley will lecture on "The Sunny Side of Grub Street" at the Playhouse, 1814 N. street northwest. Besides turning out sheets of delightfully whimsical essays, Mr. Marley finds time to conduct "The Bowling Green" column in the New York Evening Post.

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## ROMANTIC BUTLER SNAPPED WITH SOCIETY GIRL FRIENDS



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His kidnaping at the point of a gun followed his romance with the youthful daughter of a Pittsburgh family of prominence, asserts August "Archie" Probst, Swiss butler, who is detained as a paranoiac at Ellis Island. He is to appear in the Federal court for a hearing before Judge Knox. The alleged kidnaping took place, so Probst says, at the exclusive Rolling Rock Club at Ligonier, Pa. Probst is photographed here with Miss Sara King and Miss Mary Raffensperger, both members of prominent families in the "Smoky City." Probst was employed at the club and so came into contact with many of the members and guests.

## PROBST STORY NONSENSE, SAYS MRS. MELLON

Sister-in-Law of Treasury Head Ridicules Butler's Kidnaping Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The story of August Probst, former Swiss butler at the Rolling Rock Club, near Pittsburgh, to the effect that he had been kidnaped because of love for a society girl, was characterized as "ridiculous" by Mrs. R. B. Mellon, whose name Probst mentioned in his story in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellon and their son and daughter arrived here for a short visit.

"The man's story is ridiculous on the face of it and I am convinced he is insane," Mrs. Mellon said.

R. B. Mellon is a brother of A. W. Mellon, multimillionaire Secretary of the Treasury.

## 'JUST, BUT' VIEW OF BRITISH ON HUGHES' NOTE

"Inopportune," Say Downing Street Officials of Demand for Rhine Pay.

By DAVID M. CHURCH, International News Service.

LONDON, March 23.—Secretary Hughes' note firmly asserting America's right to priority payment from Germany indemnity for the upkeep of the American army of occupation on the Rhine was characterized by Downing Street officials today as "just, but inopportune."

It is authoritatively stated that Great Britain will formally recognize America's claims. Officials pointed out that they realize the United States is entitled to the money, but the understanding is that Washington will not press for immediate payment if this recognition is granted.

The belief prevalent here is that the chief aim of the American Government now is to get the allies to admit that its claim for the cost of keeping up the American occupational forces is legal and just.

### HUSBAND SAYS PREACHER TOOK HIS WIFE AWAY

BALTIMORE, March 23.—The Rev. John W. Pitcher, of the Holy Rollers, is charged with enticing Mrs. Mary E. Blandell away from her husband, William H. Blandell, in the declaration of a suit for \$20,000 damages instituted by Blandell against Pitcher in the superior court yesterday.

The declaration stated that Blandell was married July 16, 1903, at Long Green, Baltimore county, and he and his wife lived happily together until Pitcher, taking advantage of his position as spiritual adviser of Mrs. Blandell, enticed her away.

Pitcher is married and is said to be conducting religious services on Lombard street, near Parkin. On August 28, 1921, it is alleged, Mrs. Blandell left her husband, taking with her their fourteen-year-old daughter and going with Pitcher to southern Maryland, where they conducted evangelistic services. Pitcher returned to the city without Mrs. Blandell, it is said, and she is now conducting religious services at Pres ton, Md.

### THREE MORE ARRESTED ON DYNAMITING CHARGE

NORFOLK, March 23.—Three more men, making a total of six, are out on bail charged with complicity in a plot to blow up a bridge of the Virginia Railway and Power Company at Paradise Creek, near Portsmouth, last Saturday morning.

The men arrested are J. F. Jenrett, twenty-six years old; R. L. Miles, thirty-one, and English, twenty-six, former conductors in the employ of the company. Each was released on \$5,000 bond. Police believe they have rounded up all of those they think constituted a dynamite ring plotting to destroy the company's property as a result of the street car strike.

## JURY BRIBING CHARGE MADE AT BOMB TRIAL

Chicago District Attorney Alleges Crooked Ring Raised \$5,000 Fund.

By International News Service.  
CHICAGO, March 23.—Existence of a ring of "jury fixers" is declared to have been revealed by evidence in the hands of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe today.

The evidence reported to have been given the State's attorney is said to have come through a confession involving the jury that acquitted William Quessie and nine other officials of the Flat Janitors' Union accused of bombing outrages. The confession is said to have revealed that:

A slush fund of \$5,000 was raised to bribe the Quessie trial jurors. Of this amount \$1,000 was paid, the juror receiving \$600 and the man who "fixed" him \$400.

Three other jurors voted for an acquittal on promise of bribes, but were "double-crossed."

Theodore Lodin, a member of the Quessie jury, has been indicted for perjury.

### REPORTER GOES TO JAIL ON VICE PROBE MISSION

NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—Ralph Roddy, a reporter for the Norfolk Post, served four days in the city jail on the charge of being drunk.

He says he pretended to be drunk so he would be sent to jail to learn conditions there. Here is his story, in part:

"Morphine and cocaine can be had for the asking, provided one has the price. Petty graft flourishes in the prison, exorbitant prices being charged for milk, cigarettes, coffee, newspapers, and other articles procurable there. "Some prisoners are permitted to leave the jail at night (presumably to go home for the night), while others are allowed to go about town without guards at all hours of the day."

## Petition for Soldier Bonus and Sales Tax

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## HERRICK ADRIFT IN GREAT CITY, LOSES HIS WAY

"Lonely Manuel" Strays Far Afield, but Can't Forego Oratory.

Out in Perry City, Okla., Congressman Manuel Herricks knows every street, road, lane, and cow trail. But down here in Washington, where parks are ever presenting themselves in places where streets should run, it's a different proposition.

That's what Congressman Herrick thought when he entered police headquarters at night and asked Lieut. J. L. Plimmon for his bearings. He told the lieutenant that he got lost in lower Fourteenth street while searching for the "forty hundred block."

The Congressman was directed, but did not leave police headquarters until he had delivered a discourse on how to hire stenographers. He declared that his experience was valuable. He has hired and fired thirty-one in a year.

Here is the way Manuel goes about getting a "stenog": Insert an "ad" in the paper with no address. Pick out six answers and consider. Then select four. Put one of the four to work on Monday, one Tuesday, one Wednesday, and one Thursday.

"Then on Saturday he notifies the lucky one that she's been chosen."

However, while Congressman Herrick's plans for hiring are efficient, he says he has no special plans for firing.

Of the thirty-one stenographers he has had, most of them were fired because they were not attentive to business. The others because of personal reasons he declined to discuss.

Herrick then began a survey of the crop situation in Oklahoma, but the desk sergeant's snore sent him forlorn and discouraged, out into the night to struggle anew with the complexities of Washington's streets.

### J. P. GOODE WILL TALK ON JAPAN'S INDUSTRIES

The old industries that Japan has practiced for ages and the new ones which she has copied from the West will be the subject of an address tomorrow afternoon and evening by J. P. Goode before members of the National Geographic Society, at the Masonic Temple auditorium.

Mr. Goode, who was a member of a committee to extend the hospitality of the United States to a group of representative "captains of industry" from Japan, later visited their land and was given exceptional opportunities to observe many of the country's most important industrial activities. Slides colored by Japanese artists will illustrate the lecture.

## ARMY AND NAVY BACKS TO WALL FACING SLASHES

President Places Hopes in Senate to Invalidate Cuts by House.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

The American army and navy had their backs to the wall today with the Congressional knife-wielders standing out front ready to proceed with the cutting down process as soon as the legislative machinery can be geared to the job.

President Harding and Administration leaders, also the general staffs of both services, lost hope that anything can be done with the recalcitrant House to prevent the navy being trimmed down to 65,000 men.

The temper of the House, as revealed in applying the knife to the army, convinced them the navy is going to experience the same cutting pains. The House sliced the army down to 115,000 men in the face of repeated warnings from the President, General Pershing, and the War Department that 150,000 was the minimum consistent with safety.

A canvass of the House revealed that the Naval Committee's bill, authorizing a navy of 86,000, as desired by the Administration, is going to be passed, but it won't mean anything. The House intends to get in its cutting work through the appropriations bill by authorizing pay for only 65,000 men, so while there will be a paper navy of 86,000 there will only be a pay-drawing or actual navy of 65,000 men.

Administration hopes have shifted over to the Senate where it is believed enough support can be mustered to nullify the House action. Amendments to the House bills probably will be tacked on by the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs and the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and then the bills will be shot back to the House, leading to conferences.

Dire prediction of what will follow: a 65,000-man navy were being heard in navy quarters today. High naval officers declared that with only 65,000 men available it would be a question whether it would not be advisable to strip the Atlantic of all battleships and transfer them to the Pacific.

### JURY EXONERATES MAN WHO KILLED MANIAC

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 23.—Running amuck in the vicinity of Shipley's Station early yesterday and attacking Charles Rhinehart and wife, Benjamin Galloway, colored, thirty-seven years old, was shot to death by Henry Pfeiffer, white, thirty-four years old, a neighbor of the Rhineharts.

Pfeiffer surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Louis Schramm, Jr. He was afterward exonerated by a coroner's inquest.

The negro, according to Pfeiffer, was as wild as a maniac. He routed Rhinehart out of his store, kicked Mrs. Rhinehart in the stomach and then proceeded to break up things in the store. Pfeiffer and his wife were attracted by screams, and Pfeiffer, procuring his pistol, ran to investigate. He said he then fired two shots with the purpose of frightening the negro away. Pfeiffer stated the negro started to chase him, whereupon he fired two more shots.

### M. E. CONFERENCE ASKS CHANGE IN NUPTIAL LAW

CAMBRIDGE, Md., March 23.—The fifty-fourth annual conference of the Wilmington district, Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Zion Church here last night, voted to ask the Maryland legislature to pass the amendment to the State marriage laws now pending in that body.

The new law would stipulate a lapse of two days between issuance of the license and performance of the ceremony. It is designed to do away with the marriage mill at Elkton and other places in the State where, it is alleged, marrying couples have been commercialized into a business.

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### EAST AND WEST UNION WILL PRESENT PROGRAM

The local chapter of the Union of East and West will hold a public meeting at the Wilson Normal School auditorium at 8:15 p. m., March 27. The object of the society is to establish a cultural unity through the medium of art, barring religious and political controversies.

seeking to more evenly balance the material attainments of the West and the spiritual development of the East. Prominent speakers will be George Julian Zolnay, Mrs. John Mock, and Mrs. William Wolff Smith.

In addition to the speakers, two of Rabindranath Tagore's unpublished lyrics will be presented in Hindu costumes by Ruth Garland.

Zelma Booth, Lillian Hendrick, and Chandra Nath; while a musical program of oriental and occidental songs will be given under the direction of Mrs. Edna Bishop Daniels and Miss Jennie Glennan.

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